The Sweetness of Faith

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Mansoor: Baba, why do some people love Allah so much?

Baba: That's a beautiful question, my son. Loving Allah is the sweetest feeling in the world. The Prophet ﷺ taught us that if we have three special qualities, we will taste the sweetness of faith.

Mansoor: Sweetness? Like honey?

Baba: Even sweeter! Let me tell you what these three qualities are. The first is when Allah and His Messenger ﷺ are dearer to you than anything else.

Mansoor: Even more than my favorite toys?

Baba: Yes, my dear. When you love Allah and follow the teachings of the Prophet ﷺ, your heart feels full of joy. Just like when you do something kind for Mama and see her smile.

Mansoor: That makes me happy! What's the second quality, Baba?

Baba: The second is loving someone only for the sake of Allah. That means being friends with someone because they help you become a better Muslim, not just because they share their toys.

Mansoor: Oh! Like my friend Ahmed. We read Quran together!

Baba: Exactly, Mansoor! That is true love for Allah's sake. The third quality is hating to return to disbelief, just as a person would hate to be thrown into fire.

Mansoor: That sounds scary, Baba!

Baba: It does, but it teaches us how precious our faith is. Once we know the truth, we must hold on to it tightly and never let go.

Mansoor: I want to have all three qualities, Baba!

Baba: InshaAllah, you will, my son. Keep your heart full of love for Allah, be kind to good friends, and always stay strong in your faith. That is how you will taste the sweetness of Iman.

Mansoor: Baba, I think my heart already feels sweet!

Baba: Alhamdulillah, my dear. That is the best kind of sweetness.